



Conservation News



From November through April consider reducing the length and frequency of your sprinkler use. When it is raining you can flip the dial and shut off the system completely for as long as the ground remains saturated, often a week or more, then turn it on again once the ground has dried out. It's nice to see how much water you can conserve. Remember, San Diego is a desert, and using water wisely is good for your landscape and good for the planet. If you have lots of water running off your yard after you irrigate, your ground is saturated. Also keep ground cover and shrubs healthy to prevent erosion on banks. If you find any dead or dying trees or shrubs they possibly can be replaced with your Lyons warranty. Another note: Please keep your concrete swales behind your homes clear of debris to prevent flooding.

Canine Crisis



I have received several letters regarding neighborhood dogs that bark continuously. It is important that we are considerate of the well being of others and our pets. Look at why your dog is barking and seek the solutions. Is your dog bored? What are the triggers for your dog's barking? If you can't eliminate the triggers or train your dog not to bark then bringing him inside may be the answer. Check out Doglinks.co.nz for some great ideas on how to deal with a problem barker.



Another concern is dogs on the loose. Dogs should be secured in your yard or on a leash. A large black dog has been observed running free on a daily basis on Oak Valley Lane and Meadowcreek. We don't need the extra fertilizer on our lawns.

Sounds of Silence



Like many of you I was attracted to the Hidden Trails Community because of its beauty and tranquility. The majority of our neighbors have been considerate about noise pollution. Recently I've received a few letters about loud motorcycle revving and car engines. These sounds can be particularly annoying during the early morning and evening hours. Hopefully our neighborhood can police itself and observe common courtesy when it comes to noise.

If your neighborhood noise pollution continues after you have contacted the offending party you may need to take further action by contacting the homeowner association or by calling Escondido Code Enforcement at (760) 839-4650

Homeowners Association Update



The quarterly homeowners association meeting was held on Thursday, June 3, 2004, at the E. Valley Parkway Recreation Center. A few reminders to keep our neighborhood beautiful are: don't forget to remove weeds from front sidewalk cracks, return refuse cans to your yard or garage ASAP.

Also, we still have a need for Neighborhood Watch block captains. Contact Julie Menas for further info.

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Harvest Season – Increased Activity

This is a friendly reminder that harvest season is January through September. The heaviest activity occurs between April and August. Right now harvesting is going on 5-6 days per week. Please be aware there will be more vehicles on the road because of this.



Spraying of trees may occur on an as-needed basis.

Henry Avocado appreciates your understanding of their normal grove_harvesting process.

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Your Ideas

Your suggestions and ideas are needed for future newsletters. Please contact



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